

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation Application of:)
Victor H. SHEAR, et al.) Group Art Unit: Unknown
Serial No: 08/965,185) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: November 6, 1997)
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)
MATCHING, SELECTING,)
NARROWCASTING, AND/OR)
CLASSIFYING BASED ON)
RIGHTS MANAGEMENT)
AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION)

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 through 135 and add the following new claims 136
through 185:

A 136. A matching and classification utility system including the following:

~~B~~ an object classifier including:

~~B~~ control means for operating on rights management information, the

~~B~~ control means at least in part controlling the ~~object~~ classifier;